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SUBJECT: RESUMPTION OF FRG-CHAD DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

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SUMMARY: FRG-CHAD DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WERE RESUMED
NOVEMBER 28 AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS OF CHAD EFFORTS TOWARD
THIS END. WHEREAS FRG WILLING TO BE FORTHCOMING, RELA-
TIONS WITH CHAD EXPECTED TO BE ON QUOTE VERY LOW FLAME
UNQUOTE FOR SOME TIME IN VIEW OF SPRING 1974 EVENTS AND
PRESIDENT TOMBALBAYE'S UNPREDICTABILITY. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBOFF CALLED ON FRG FOREIGN OFFICE WEST AFRICA
DIRECTOR WEVER DECEMBER 2 TO DISCUSS RESUMPTION OF
FRG-CHAD RELATIONS. WEVER PROVIDED FOLOWING SCENARIO
REGARDING INITIAL CONTACTS ON SUBJECT OF RE-ESTABLISHING
RELATIONS. SHORTLY AFTER BREAK IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS,
SEVERAL LOW LEVEL PROBES WERE MADE BY CHAD REPS AT UN,
WHO EMPHASIZED HASTY AND PERHAPS INAPPROPRIATE DECISION
OF GOC TO SEVER DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH FRG. ALL THAT
WAS NECESSARY FOR THE RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS WAS AN
EXPRESSION OF REGRET FROM FRG WITH RESPECT TO ITS DEAL-
INGS WITH CHAD REBELS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN RELEASE OF
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DR. STAEWEN, AND PAYMENT OF AMOUNT TO GOC COMMENSURATE

WITH AMOUNT PAID REBELS FOR STAEWEN'S RELEASE (DM 2 MILION). FRG REPS REJECTED BOTH REQUESTS AND, ACCORDING TO WEVER, DID NOT PURSUE SUBJECT. CHAD REPS MADE SAME PITCH TO SPD FOREIGN OFFICE PARLIAMENTARY STATE SECRETARY WISCHNEWSKI WHEN HE VISITED JAMAICA IN JULY TO ATTEND EC-ACP CONFERENCE. CHAD APPROACH WAS AGAIN REBUFFED. FINALLY, SYRIAN ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT TOMBALBAYE, LIBON, APPROACHED FRG AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE, VON BRAUN, WITH LESSER DEMANDS: THAT FRG AGREE TO COMMUNIQUE EXPRESSING ITS INTENT TO EXHIBIT MORE CARE IN CONDUCTING ITS AFFAIRS IN CHAD, AND THAT FRG WOULD RENEW AND EXPAND ITS AID TO CHAD. FRG AGAIN REJECTED DEMANDS, BUT SAW BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS.

2. IN COURSE OF TALKS, FRG REPS MAINTAINED THEIR FIRM "NO" TO CHAD'S PROPOSALS. NOTING THAT FRG UNDER NO PRESSURE TO RESUME RELATIONS, WEVER ADDED THAT TOMBALBAYE EVIDENTLY ATTACHED A GREAT DEAL OF SIGNIFICANCE TO RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS ON CHAD NATIONAL DAY OF FORGIVENESS, NOVEMBER 28. FRG INSISTED ON, AND RECEIVED, SHORT JOINT COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS AND EXPRESSING MUTUAL REGRET AT THE QUOTE MISUNDERSTANDINGS UNQUOTE WHICH OCCURRED IN THE PAST.

3. FRG EXPECTS TO GO VERY SLOWLY IN RE-ESTABLISHING A PRESENCE IN CHAD. SKEPTICISM ABOUT TOMBALBAYE'S GOOD FAITH PRESENT IN FRG FOREIGN OFFICE TO EXTENT THAT DEMENTI ALREADY PREPARED SHOULD GOC ANNOUNCE FRG-CHAD RELATIONS RESUMED ONLY AFTER FRG APOLOGY AND AGREEMENT TO MATCH ITS RANSOM PAYMENT TO REBELS WITH EQUAL CONTRIBUTION TO GOC. RELATIONS WITH CHAD EXPECTED TO BE CONDUCTED ON QUOTE VERY LOW FLAME UNQUOTE. AT LEAST INITIALLY, NEW FRG AMBASSADOR TO CHAD WILL BE AMBASSADOR RESIDENT IN ANOTHER AFRICAN COUNTRY AND DOUBLY ACCREDITED; BUT EVEN THIS MOVE NOT LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE FOR SOME TIME. (PREVIOUS FRG AMBASSADOR TO CHAD, WERNER SELDIS, NOW CG IN CASABLANCA AND, ACCORDING TO WEVER, IN POOR HEALTH).

4. WHEREAS FRG CAN FIND A FEW MILION DM FOR CAPITAL
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ASSISTANCE, CHANCES OF PROVIDING ADEQUATE FRG TECHNICIANS ARE MINIMAL. GIVEN THE EVENTS OF LAST SPRING, FRG ANTICIPATES GREAT DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING SKILLED VOLUNTEERS NECESSARY TO OPERATE FRG AID PROGRAM.

5. WEVER OPINED THAT TOMBALBAYE'S POLITICAL STRENGTH MAY BE WANING, FOR IT IS CLEAR THAT THE GOC CONTROLS ONLY ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF THE COUNTRY, AND THAT NORTHERN

REBELS ARE NO LONGER INTERESTED IN BECOMING PART OF
LIBYA BUT RATHER IN SEIZING POWER IN NDJAMENA.
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